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TITLE OF INVENTION: TRANSLATING DATA ACCESS REQUESTS

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

FARHAN M. SYED

Applicant(s)

GHATARE, SANJAY P.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/17/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2165

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendments and arguments filed on 17 September 2010 have been fully considered and they are deemed to be persuasive.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 17 September 2010 has been entered.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 18 October 2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 09 October 2034 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01 October 2010 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. Authorization for Examiner's Amendment to the amendment filed 17 September 2010 was given by Mr. William Daley (Reg. No. 52,471) in a telephone interview on 18 October 2010.

6. An examiner's amendment to the amendment filed 17 September 2010 appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

7. The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of translating a request to access data from a first data format to a second data format, comprising:

receiving said request to access data for one or more attributes from a data store, said request including a filter for accessing the data of said one or more attributes and wherein at least one or more attributes are multivalued;

determining said data store from a plurality of data stores to service said request, wherein the plurality of data stores comprises a relational database and an LDAP directory, said LDAP directory including said at least one multivalued attribute, and wherein determining said data store comprises identifying partitioning criteria to associate a data type with each data store from said plurality of data stores and evaluating said partitioning criteria against said filter;

accessing a mapping catalog customizable for a relational database schema, said mapping catalog identifying one or more portions of one or more tables in

said relational database that stores said data for said one or more attributes, and identifying a classification for each of the one or more attributes, said relational database corresponding to said relational database schema;

translating at least a portion of said request from said first data format to a form suitable for said relational database, said step of translating based on said classification of each attribute and said filter, said step of translating including mapping said at least one multivalued attribute to said relational database; and

providing said translated request to said relational database.

5. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices ~~storing~~ having processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method of translating a request to access data from a first data format to a second data format, comprising:

receiving said request to access data for one or more attributes from a data store, said request including a filter for accessing the data of said one or more attributes and wherein at least one or more attributes are multivalued;

determining said data store from a plurality of data stores to service said request, wherein the plurality of data stores comprises a relational database and an LDAP directory, said LDAP directory including said at least one multivalued attribute, and wherein determining said data store comprises identifying partitioning criteria to associate a data type with each data store from said plurality of data stores and evaluating said partitioning criteria against said filter;

accessing a mapping catalog customizable for a relational database schema, said mapping catalog identifying one or more portions of one or more tables in said relational database that stores said data for said one or more attributes, and

identifying a classification for each of the one or more attributes, said relational database corresponding to said relational database schema; and

translating at least a portion of said request from said first data format to a form suitable for said relational database, said step of translating based on said classification of each attribute and said filter, said step of translating including mapping said at least one multivalued attribute to said relational database.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus capable of translating between data formats, comprising:

means for receiving a request to access data for one or more attributes from an LDAP directory, said request including said one or more attributes in a first data format and a first filter for accessing the data of said one or more attributes and wherein at least one or more attributes are multivalued;

means for determining a relational database from a plurality of data stores to service said request, wherein the plurality of data stores comprises the relational database and said LDAP directory, said LDAP directory including said at least one multivalued attribute, and wherein determining said relational database from said plurality of data stores comprises creating a partitioning expression for each of said data stores, evaluating said partitioning expression against said first filter and said request to access data, creating a second filter for a data store if said partitioning expression is satisfied, and providing said second filter to a translation module;

means for accessing a mapping catalog customizable for a relational database, said mapping catalog identifying one or more portions of one or more tables in said relational database that stores said data for said one or more attributes, and identifying a classification for each of the one or more of the attributes; and

means for translating at least a portion of said request to access data from said first data format to a form suitable for said relational database, said step of translating based on said classification of each attribute and said first filter, said means

for translating including mapping said at least one multivalued attribute to said relational database.

24. (Currently Amended) A system for translating between data formats, comprising:

one or more processors;

memory executed on said one or more processor comprising;

a data source interface in communication with business logic;

a partitioning module receiving access request information from said data source interface, wherein said partitioning module determines a relational database from a plurality of data stores to service said request, wherein the plurality of data stores comprises the relational database and at least one LDAP directory, said at least one LDAP directory including at least one or more multivalued attribute, and wherein determining said relational database from said plurality of data stores comprises creating a partitioning expression for each of said data stores, evaluating said partitioning expression against said first filter and said request to access data, creating a second filter for a data store if said partitioning expression is satisfied, and providing said second filter to a translation module;

a mapping catalog identifying one or more portions of one or more tables in the relational database that stores data for one or more attributes, and identifying a classification for each of said one or more attributes and wherein said one or more attributes are multivalued; and

a translation module receiving access request information from said partitioning module and mapping information from said mapping catalog, said access request information pertaining to data for said one or more attributes and including said first filter for accessing the data of the attributes, said translation module translating said request information from a first form to a second form suitable for said relational database, and said translation based on said mapping information from said mapping

catalog including said classification and said first filter, said translation module including mapping said at least one multivalued attribute to said relational database.

31. (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices storing having-processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors, said processor readable code comprising:

code implementing a data source interface in communication with business logic;

code for implementing a partitioning module receiving access request information from said data source interface, wherein said partitioning module determines a relational database from a plurality of data stores to service said request, wherein the plurality of data stores comprises the relational database and at least one LDAP directory, said at least one LDAP directory including at least one or more attributes multivalued attribute, and wherein determining said relational database from said plurality of data stores comprises creating a partitioning expression for each of said data stores, evaluating said partitioning expression against a first filter and said request to access data, creating a second filter for a data store if said partitioning expression is satisfied, and providing said second filter to a translation module;

code implementing a mapping catalog, wherein the mapping catalog identifies one or more portions of one or more tables in the relational database that stores data for one or more attributes and identifies a classification for each of said one or more attributes and wherein said one or more attributes are multivalued; and

code implementing a translation module receiving access request information from said partitioning module and mapping information from said mapping catalog, said access request information pertaining to data for said one or more attributes and including a filter for accessing the data of said one or more attributes, said translation module translating said request information from a first form to a second form suitable for the relational database based on said mapping information from said mapping catalog including said classification and said first filter, said code implementing

a translation module including mapping said at least one multivalued attribute to said relational database.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-4, and 6-38 and renumbered 1-37 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reasons For Allowance

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1, 13, 21, 24, and 31, Applicants particular method and associated systems of translating between data formats, that includes receiving request to access data for one or more attributes from a data store, the request including a filter for accessing the data of the one or more attributes, where the one or more attributes are multivalued, and translating at least a portion of the request from the first data format to a form suitable for the relational database, where translating is based on the classification of each attribute and filter, that includes mapping at least one multivalued attribute to the relational database, was not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farhan M. Syed whose telephone number is 571-272-7191. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Neveen Abel-Jalil can be reached on 571-272-4074. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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